GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SURFACE TRANSPORT
LOK SABHA

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LOSSES TO GUJARAT PORTS DUE TO CYCLONE .
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Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of losses caused to various ports in Gujarat due to the cyclone last year;

(b) whether some Dock employees has suffered loss of life and property therein; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to compensate them ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT

(DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)
(a): The Central Government is concerned with Major Ports only.In Gujarat there is one major port namely Kandla Port Trust.Due to cyclone in June, 1998, this major port suffered loss to the extent of Rs. 76 crores.
(b): Yes, Sir. Five Port employees lost their lives in the cyclone and many employees residing in the port colony at Kandla suffered loss of house-hold property mainly due to flooding.
(c): Besides, providing employment in the Port Trust to one dependent of each of these five deceased employees oncompassionate grounds, a sum of Rs. 1 lakh to the next of kin of each of the deceased employees has been paid as ex-gratia payment. An amount of Rs.12.5 lakhs has been paid to 352 employees who suffered loss of house-hold properties in the cyclone.